

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 1997 Estimated Damage Path Length (Miles) Time Local/ Path Width Number of Persons Date Standa **ILLINOIS, Northwest** ILZ001>002-007-009 Jo Daviess - Stephenson - Carroll - Whiteside 2230CST 0 0 High Wind (G60) 0100CST Gradient winds behind a line of thunderstorms produced damage to area trees and power lines as they passed out of extreme eastern Iowa into northwest Illinois. **Carroll County** 1715CST Thomson 18 0 0 Hail (1.00) Jo Daviess County **East Dubuque** 18 1750CST 0 0 Hail (1.75) **Rock Island County East Moline** 18 1905CST Hail (1.00) **Rock Island County East Moline** 18 1905CST 0 0 Hail (1.50) 1910CST **Rock Island County East Moline** 18 1908CST Hail (1.75) **Rock Island County Silvis** 18 1911CST Hail (0.75) **Henry County** Colona 18 0 0 Hail (1.00) **Rock Island County** Milan 18 1925CST 0 0 Hail (3.00) Warren County Smithshire 18 1930CST 0 Tornado (F0) Brief tornado touchdown with no damage. **Rock Island County** Moline 18 1941CST Hail (0.75) **Bureau County** Manlius 18 1955CST 0.1 10 0 Tornado (F0) **Bureau County** 2 W Princeton 18 2004CST 0 0 Hail (1.75) **Bureau County** 2009CST Princeton 18 0 Hail (1.50) **Bureau County Princeton** 18 2011CST Hail (1.00) A very costly hail storm passed across northeast Iowa into extreme western Illinois, bringing several waves of hail greater than 1.5 inches. While there were a few reports of tornadoes; by far the most significant event was the large hail. **Bureau County** 1 E Mineral 1617CST 24 0 Thunderstorm Wind (G50) Trees down across road **IOWA, East Central and Southeast** IAZ054-066 Jackson - Clinton 2230CST 0100CST 0 High Wind (G60)

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IOWA, East Central a	nd Sout	<u>heast</u>							
Benton County Vinton	18	1435CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Benton County Van Horne	18	1450CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Benton County Shellsburg	18	1505CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Benton County 3 S Vinton	18	1505CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Benton County 2 N Vinton	18	1505CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Linn County Cedar Rapids	18	1515CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Linn County .8 E Lisbon to 1 E Lisbon	18 Tornac	1540CST 1542CST do passed across of	0.2	50	0 ay 30.	0		Tornado (F1)	
Cedar County 5 W Mechanicsville to 2 W Mechanicsville	18	1542CST 1545CST do passed across of	3	50	0	0		Tornado (F1)	
Dubuque County Farley	18	1550CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Dubuque County Worthington	18	1550CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Dubuque County Peosta	18	1600CST 1610CST ach hail fell for 10 a	minutes		0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Jones County 3 N Oxford Jct	18	1605CST	innutes.		0	0		Heil (1.75)	
Clinton County Dewitt	18	1615CST			0	0		Hail (1.75) Hail (0.75)	
Benton County Van Horne	18	1620CST			0	0		Hail (1.75)	
Jackson County 2 NW Maquoketa	18	1630CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Linn County Mt Vernon	18 New g	1630CST rain bin destroyed	and several	old outbuild	0 ings damaged	0 i.	20K	Thunderstorm W	ind (G65)
Dubuque County Dyersville	18	1632CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Dubuque County Farley	18	1632CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Iowa County West Amana	18	1643CST			0	0		Hail (1.00)	
Dubuque County Graf	18	1655CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	
Dubuque County Dubuque	18	1700CST			0	0		Hail (0.75)	



Johnson County

Iowa City

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Linn County Coggon	18 Nume	1700CST crous reports of ha	ail damage.		0	0			Hail (2.00)	
Linn County Fairfax	18 Tree 6	1700CST lamage and repor	t of 70 mph w	inds.	0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (C	7 61)
Delaware County Hopkinton	18	1705CST			0	0			Hail (4.50)	
Dubuque County Peosta	18	1730CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)	
Johnson County Oxford	18 Hail b	1735CST broke several wind	dshields.		0	0	1K		Hail (1.75)	
Johnson County Coralville	18	1742CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)	

1745CST 1800CST A 15 minute "rain" of baseball sized hail caused \$30 to \$50 million dollars of damage. One insurance agent said "this was the worst storm since 1967." He went on to say; "everyone he insures who has a skylight now has a broken skylight." This included the skylights over the swimming pool in the downtown Iowa City Holliday Inn. The average home claim was \$3500 and the average car claim was \$2500. The hail caused widespread damage to individuals cars and between 300 and 500 thousand dollars worth of damage to each of four car dealerships interviewed.

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Hail (2.75)

Dubuque County Dubuque	18	1750CST			0	0	Hail (1.75)
Cedar County .5 S Rochester	18	1823CST			0	0	Hail (1.00)
Scott County Davenport	18	1858CST			0	0	Hail (0.75)
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Scott County Bettendorf	18	1900CST	0	10	0	0	Tornado (F0)
	Brief	tornado touchdown	near 18th and	d Middle Ro	ad.		
Scott County Bettendorf	18	1914CST			0	0	Hail (0.75)
Muscatine County Muscatine	18	1930CST			0	0	Hail (1.75)
Des Moines County Burlington	18	1953CST			0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A very costly hailstorm passed across northeast Iowa into extreme northwestern Illinois, bringing several waves of hail greater than 1.5 inches. While there were a few reports of tornadoes; by far the most significant damage was done by large hail. In particular the hailstorm which hit Iowa City did around 40 million dollars of damage in just fifteen minutes.



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WISCONSIN, Extreme Southwest

NONE REPORTED.